



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
 Georges Marcel Victor Thielen)
 For: RUNFLAT TIRE HAVING A)
 RUBBERIZED INSERT CONTAINING)
 1,6-BIS(N,N'-)
 DIBENZYLTHIOCARBAMOYLDITHIO)-)
 HEXANE)
 Serial No.: 09/920,088)
 Filed: August 1, 2001)

Docket No. DN2000147
 Confirmation No. 6253
 Art Unit: 1733
 Examiner: FISCHER, JUSTIN R.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on May 20, 2003.

Jacalyn Kelly
 Jacalyn Kelly

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
 Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED
 MAY 27 2003
 GROUP 1700

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application without prejudice as directed on the following pages: